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Mr. Tom Hinson
The Cleveland Museum of Art
11150 East Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

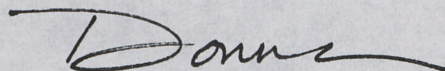
Dear Mr. Hinson:

I appreciate your interest in reviewing my current work.

Enclosed are a sampling of slides of paintings done over the last two years as requested.
Also enclosed is recent CV for your files.

I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donna", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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Cleveland, Ohio 44120
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Born Cleveland, Ohio 1949
Painter

Gallery Affiliations:

Bonfoey Company; Cleveland, Ohio

Collector's Gallery, Columbus Museum of Art; Columbus, Ohio

Mary Bell Gallery; Chicago, Illinois; Scottsdale, Arizona

Gallery 200; Columbus, Ohio

Solo Exhibitions

1979, 1987 Stocker Center, Lorain County Community College; Elyria, Ohio

1984, 1985 Signet Gallery; Cleveland, Ohio

1988, 1990 Bonfoey Company; Cleveland, Ohio

Collections

Akron-Summit County Library; Akron, Ohio

Alcan Aluminum; Cleveland, Ohio

The Artist's Studio, Metro Hospital; Cleveland, Ohio

Banc Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio

Beloit Memorial Hospital; Beloit, Wisconsin

Best Metals; Cleveland, Ohio

Blue Cross Blue Shield; Cleveland, Ohio

BP America; Cleveland, Ohio

Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Cleveland, Ohio

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo; Cleveland, Ohio

Cleveland Pneumatic; Cleveland, Ohio

Joseph M Erdelac; Cleveland, Ohio

Huntington Bank; Columbus, Ohio

Society Bank; Cleveland, Ohio

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 1981 'Two Cities: Cleveland/Toronto Exchange', Bonfoey Company, Cleveland, Ohio
'A Question of Space', Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio
- 1982 7th Annual Painting Show, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1983 'Environmental Images', Beachwood Museum, Beachwood, Ohio
- 1984 65th Annual May Show, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio
Mid-America Biennial, Owensboro Museum of Art, Owensboro, Kentucky
Contemporary Artists Series, Artreach Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
'Fashion Moda', Spaces Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1985 20/20, Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio
'Pastel But Not Pale', Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield, Ohio
49th Annual National Midyear, Butler Institute, Youngstown, Ohio
66th Annual May show, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1986 67th Annual May Show, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio
All Ohio, Canton Art Institute, Canton, Ohio
- 1987 68th Annual May Show, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio
51st Annual National Midyear, Butler Institute, Youngstown, Ohio
'Signs of Life' Public Art Project sponsored by Spaces/OAC, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1989 Mary Bell Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
'Contemporary Landscapes', Scheely Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio
'Young and Restless' Sandusky Cultural Center, Sandusky, Ohio
- 1990 People and Nature, Gallery 200, Columbus, Ohio
- 1990 The Artist and The Environment, Gloria Plevin Gallery, Chautauqua, New York
- 1990 Artists: As They See Themselves, Metro Art Gallery, Cuyahoga Community College
- 1990 Small Works, Mary Bell Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1990 Holiday Delights, Bonfoey Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio

Professional Affiliations

- 1981-83 Board of Trustees, New Organization for the Visual Arts
- 1982 Director of Artist's Right, New Organization for the Visual Arts
- 1983-87 Director/Owner, Signet Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary, Murray Hill Area Arts Association, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1983 Artist in Residence, Rocky River School System, Rocky River, Ohio
- 1985-87 Volunteer Artist, Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1986-88 Art Studio Collection Committee, Metro Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1987 Artist in Residence, The Artist's Studio, Metro Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1988 Panel Member, 'Art in the 80's', Notre Dame College, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1988-90 Volunteer Artist, Cleveland Public Radio, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1989 Keynote Speaker, Ohio Designer Craftsman Annual, Columbus, Ohio
- 1989-92 Board of Trustee, P.A.N.D. (Performers & Artists for Nuclear Disarmament)
- 1989-90 Advisory Board, The Art Studio, Metro General Hospital
- 1990 Address to American Association of Handwriting Analysts, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
- 1990-91 Artist in Residence for The Art Studio, Center for Therapy Through the Arts
- 1989-90 Volunteer Artist for Sane Freeze, Cleveland

Commissions

- 1982 The Westlake Hotel Renovation - four paintings for lobby
- 1986 Mural for Farhleys Jazz Club, 7' x 34'

Reproductions/Illustrations

- 1981 'Client Guide' Westside Mental Health Center
- 1981 Frontispiece, Thank You Michelangelo, Prosen Apples, Prosen
- 1984 Excell brochure, St. Vincent Charity Hospital
Front and back cover, Nexus Magazine, Winter ed.
- 1987 Cover, Plain Dealer Sunday Magazine, March 29
Cover, ASID Directory, Northeast Ohio Chapter
- 1988 Cover, Annual report, Sunar Hauserman
- 1989 Poster, Cleveland Institute of Music, Contemporary Music Ensemble
- 1989-90 NAIOP Annual, Live Publishing

Articles and Reviews

- 1987 Arts Week Portrait, The Plain Dealer (7/12), Cleveland, Ohio
- 1988 Critics Choice, The Plain Dealer (3/20), Cleveland, Ohio
- 1988 Review, 'The New Art Examiner' (June), Chicago, Illinois
- 1989 Critics Choice, The Plain Dealer (3/18), Cleveland, Ohio
- 1990 Solitude Frees Drozda's Art, The Plain Dealer (3/9), Cleveland, Ohio
- 1990 'Artists Serve Up Verve With Wit, June 3, 1990, Columbus Dispatch
- 1990 'Environment and The Artist', A Review, August 1990, Artifacts, Chautauqua, New York

Radio/TV Appearances

- 1982 'Creativity and Healing', The Morning Exchange, WEWS, Cleveland, Ohio
- 'Creativity and Your Child's Handwriting', The Morning Exchange, WEWS
- 1987 'Homage', Continental Cable, Cleveland, Ohio
- 'Windows on Cleveland Art', WCPN, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1988 'Windows on Cleveland Art', WCPN, Cleveland, Ohio
- 'Performance Today' WCPN, Cleveland, Ohio

Workshops

- 1990 Western Reserve Awareness Conference:
 - Drawing on How You Feel
 - Creating your Visual Journal
- 1990 Artist in Residence for The Art Studio:
 - Drawing on How You Feel
 - Making Life the Masterpiece
 - Creating your Visual Journal

THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

MAY 87

Please complete and return the following questionnaire for our reference file on May Show artists.

FULL NAME: DONNA J. DROZDA

PRESENT POSITION Painter /

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: FEB. 15, 1949
CLEVE. OHIO

OWNER OF
SIGNET GALLERY
CLEVE. OHIO

CATEGORY/PRIMARY MEDIA: PAINTING

ART TRAINING (Schools, Scholarships, etc.):

SELF-TAUGHT BY STUDYING MASTER ARTISTS -
starting to cave painting working my way up thru art
History to Picasso - working full time 9 years. (1971-1980)
part time classes at C.I.A. (1970-72)

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN (include location and year):

MAY SHOW - Clev. Mus. 1987, 86, 85, 84
BUTLER National Painting Show - 1987-1985
BONFOY CO. 1987-1980 continuously
20/20 B.KSMITH College 1986, B.KSMITH 1985
STOCKER center Lorain College - one person - 1987
A Clevelander collects Cleveland - 1984
SIGNET GALLERY 1982-1987
ALL-OHIO 1986 -
CANTON ART. INSTITUTE

COLLECTIONS THAT NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

HUNTINGTON BANK - Columbus (2 pcs)
BANC OHIO - Clev.
ALCAN Aluminum - Clev. (11 pcs.)
BEST Metals - Mentor.
WESTLAKE HOTEL (4 pcs.)
Tangerine Fairleys (34' mural)
Clev. Clinic Foundation (2 pcs)
Sotto Corp. Headquarters
Metropark Zoo (2 pcs.)
Clev. Pneumatic

AWARDS:

BEST in SHOW 29th annual JCC - Clev.
Purchase Award - Mid-America Biennial - Owensboro, Museum
Kentucky

We would appreciate having a statement about your philosophy and work as an artist—either general or something specific about the piece(s) selected for this year's May Show to aid us in the preparation of gallery talks and in the release of publicity materials. For more space, use the back of this sheet.

My current work deals to the influence of nature & the
timeless balance inherent within its cycles.
... exhibiting pentimento, my paintings progress through many
stages of development much like a section of "developed"
land. By making a series of painting over painting the scene
evolves itself. advancing & retreating until a calm seems to
descend bringing to it a sense of reclamation. Earth at rest.

As nature is everchanging so too is the work both
in terms of media & imagery.

One of the greatest motivations to my creative
expression is the surprise of creation itself -
the opportunity to see, once again, with the
eye of a child & to reexperience the inner
awareness of my place as a planetary
citizen.

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MAY 85

Please complete and return the following questionnaire for our reference file on Cleveland Artists.

FULL NAME: DONNA JEAN DRÖZDA

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: FEB. 15. 1949 Cleveland. Ohio

PRIMARY MEDIA PAINTING - Acrylic

ART TRAINING - Schools, Scholarships, etc.:

SELF-TAUGHT - some part-time classes
AT C.I.A.

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN:

National City Bank - Atrium Gallery - international
Mansfield Art Center - 'Pastel but not Pale'
Butler Institute of American Art - 49th annual National Midyear
Cleveland Museum of Art - 65th May show
Owensboro Museum of Contemporary art - Mid-America Biennial.

COLLECTIONS WHICH NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

SOHIO	Huntington Bank
CLEVELAND clinic	Bank Ohio
Metroparks Zoo	J. M. Erdelac collection
Cleveland Pneumatic	THE ARTIST'S STUDIO, Metro General Hospital
Alcan aluminum	numerous private collections.

AWARDS:

Best in show - 1984 JCC.

Purchase award - Mid-America Biennial. Owensboro Museum of Art
1984 Owensboro. Kentucky.

PRESENT POSITION: Painter - Signet Gallery owner.

We would appreciate any information regarding subsequent awards, purchases, exhibitions and scholarships.
Thank you for your cooperation.

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PRIMARY MEDIA Acrylics

ART TRAINING - Schools, Scholarships, etc.: SELF TAUGHT BY STUDYING MASTER ARTISTS INTENSIVELY FOR 7 YEARS. ... ongoing student.

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN: 1984, 1985 May show. 1984 Owensboro Biennial, 1985 Butler National Painting, National City Bank, Bontroy, Signet, Brechwood Museum, Columbus Museum of Art.

COLLECTIONS WHICH NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK: Sottio, Cleveland Clinic, Alcan Alluminum, BancOhio, Huntington Bank, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Joseph Erdelac.

AWARDS: Purchase award - Owensboro Biennial.
Best in show - 26th JCC.

PRESENT POSITION: Painter / director of Signet Gallery / instructor

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DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: FEB. 15, 1949 - Cleveland, OHIO.

PRIMARY MEDIA MIXED. (Acrylic/pastel/graphite)

ART TRAINING - Schools, Scholarships, etc.:

PART TIME CLASSES C.I.A. 72-73

1973-1981 - 9 years private self-teaching by studying the masters.
- continuous research & exploration.

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN:

SEE ATTACHED SHEETS

COLLECTIONS WHICH NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

JOSEPH ERDELC
BANC OHIO
ALCAN ALUMINUM
TOP SERVICES

AWARDS:

Best in show - 25th annual J.C.C.

PRESENT POSITION:

Artist - Instructor - Gallery Owner

JURIED AND INVITATIONAL
SHOWS 1984

A Cleveland Collects Clevelanders - Joseph Erdelac Collection
Beck Center
Lakewood, Ohio

Contemporary Artists Series - 3 person show
Artreach- Artists Equity Assoc.
Columbus, Ohio

Gallery West - 3 person show
Cuyahoga Community College- West
Parma , Ohio

Fashion Moda
Spaces Gallery
Cleveland, Ohio

JURIED AND INVITATIONAL
SHOWS 1983

Environmental Images
Beachwood Museum
Beachwood, Ohio

Bonfoey 90th Birthday Invitational
Bonfoey Co.
Cleveland, Ohio

Jewish Community Center 29th
Annual Juried Show-(Best in Show)
Jewish Community Center
Cleve, Hghts., Ohio

Cleveland Art Festival Show
Signet Gallery
Cleveland, Ohio

Proscenium '83'
Beck Center
Lakewood, Ohio

Park Synagogue Show
Park Synagogue
Cleve. Hghts., Ohio

Mount Sinai Benefit Show
Mount Sinai
Beachwood, Ohio

Atrium Gallery - 2 person show
National City Bank
Cleveland, Ohio

GALLERY AFFILIATIONS

PLAYHOUSE

Bonfoey on ~~the~~ Square
~~3300 Lakeside Avenue~~ Euclid
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

SIGNET GALLERY
2094 Murray Hill
CLEV. OHIO 44106

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ONE PLAYHOUSE SQ.
CLEV. 44113

Gallery

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SHOWS 1979-80

One Person Show
Lorain Community College
Elyria, Ohio

Two Person Show
Flori Studio/Gallery
Cleveland, Ohio

Domonkas Annual Show
Sheffield Lake, Ohio

Terminal Tower Images Show
Terminal Tower
Cleveland, Ohio

JURIED AND INVITATIONAL SHOWS 1979-80

Amherst Rotary Show
Nordson Train Depot
Amherst, Ohio

Baycrafters Annual Juried Show
Bay Village, Ohio

Great Northern Juried/Invitational Show
North Olmstead, Ohio

Sheffield Lake Juried Show
Sheffield Lake, Ohio

26th Annual J.C.C. Show
Jewish Community Center
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Proscenium '80
Beck Center
Lakewood, Ohio